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	(vii) Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition.	Punjab Agricultural Univeisity, Ludhiana.
	(viii) Agriculture Meterology.	Agricultural College, Pune of the Mahatma Phule Agricultural University, Rahuri.
	(ix) Agro-forestry.	Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute, Dehredun.
	(x) Seed Technology	Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar.
	(xi) Inland Fisheries.	Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Kausalyagang (Orissa) in collaboration with Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar.

(b) The duration of the project is five years. During the first year of its implementation the progress has been quite satisfactory. It *h* however, too early to judge the overall achievements at this stage.

Higher investment on Research and Development in Agriculture

4122. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether higher investment in R&D has been suggested by th$_e$ Prime Minister for Agriculture and if so, the details there-

(b) whether Government propose to revamp existing R&D units effectively for regular evaluation and monitoring carried out with mid-course correction;

(c) whether Government also propose to create proper scientific environment to get best out of our investments and to introduce accountability; and

(d) whether various flaws pointed out earlier by ICAR Enquiry Committee are proposed to be removed early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE 'DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOG-ENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. Higher investment in R&D has been suggested by Prim$_e$ Minister. However no step up in investment in Agricultural Research is contemplated at present.

(b) ICAR have a well established system for regular evaluation $_a$nd monitoring of its research programmes.

(c) Congenial Scientific Environment exists in the Institutes of the Indian Coun cil of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Agricultural Universities for getting maxi mum out of the investment on agricultural research. Scientific accountability is already there.

(d) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research was re-organised $_0$n the recom mendations of the Gajendra Gadkar Com mittee set up by the Government in 1973-74 with the approval of Cabinet. Sug. gestions 'and recommendations of the Com mittee have been implemented by and large. Recently a high powered Committee has been set up to look into the working of ICAR.

Promotion i$_n$ the dVijaypur Project of National Fertilizers Ltd.

4123. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister $_0$f AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Vijaypur Project of the National Fertilizers Ltd. certain posts have been filled up or are being filled up by the NFL by promo-tion|upgrading personnel already working in the other plants of the NFL;

(b) if $_s$o, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that candidates belonging to SC|ST hav$_e$ been excluded from these promotion/upgradation}.

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of the number of personnel promoted/upgraded from the general category and reserved categories separately;

(e) whether it is also a fact that tnerc is only one Scheduled Caste candidate in the category of Shift Engineer in the enure NFL organisation but he has not been considered for promotion/upgradaUon to .he grade of Assistant Manager; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) in the Vijaypur Project of National Fertilizers Lim ted, 16 corporate level posts have been filled up so far during 1987. Of these 16 posts, 10 have been filled up by promotion of personnel of Vi'aypur Project and 6 by transfer/promotion of personnel from other units of the company.

(c) and (d) Candidates belonging to SC/ ST have not been excluded from these pro-motions. Out of the 10 officers promoted from within the Vijaypur Project, one officer belongs to SC category.

(e) and (f) There are 4 officers belonging to SC/ST category (2 SC and 2 ST) at the level of Shift Engineer in the Company. Out of these 4 officers, only 2 fulfilled the prescribed specifications for promotion in the corporate level assessments made in June, 1987. These 2 officers were assessed but were not found suitable for promotion to the post of Assistant Manager.

Milk Production

4124. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that as per L. K. Jha Committee and EEC World Bank Committee, milk production doubled in the country in the last 12-14 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that to encourage and stabilise milk production, EEC World Bank have decided to stop gift

(c) whether Government propose the stop use of gifted as well as commercial imported milk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL1URE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YO-GENDRA MAKWANA); (a) Milk pro-ducion in the country is estimated to have been increased from 23.2 million tonnes in 1973-74 to 44.00 million tonnes (provisional) in 1986-87.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Pesticides residues permissible under PFA

4125. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minis;er of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of reports from Government Institutions indicate un-derspread and h'gh residues of pesticides in fruits and vegetables and foodgraius and meat, fish etc. and if so, the details thereof indicating whether these ate within p?r-missible levels fixed under the PFA;

(b) whether permissible limits have been_. fixed for all pesticides cleared for use the country for health and agriculture purposes; and

(c) what are the State-wise samples of foods tested for pesticides residues and action taken under the PFA since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINKS-TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Samples of commodities like vegetables, cereals, pulses, oilseeds, meat, fish etc. have bees' analysed by some Universities/Institutions/ Organisations and the presence of some persistent pesticides like DDT and BHC have been reported in some studies. However, a survey conducted under the FAO Food Contamination Monitoring Project in various parts of the country does not reveal the presence of excessive residues of pestrcides in food samples.